



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2014

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speakers on LEAD: Mike Cooke, ACLU; Ron Jackson, Evergreen Treatment Services. See handout attached, and website: www.LEADKingCounty.org.
 - a. LEAD is Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, a 4 year private grant funded pilot program in Belltown begun in 2011 to address low-level drug and prostitution crimes in a different way than jail and prosecution. The ultimate goal is to improve public safety and public order and to reduce the criminal behavior of the program participants.
 - b. It was conceived from dissatisfaction with the results of processing of these low level crimes in the traditional way - selective enforcement, huge number of arrests clogging the system, jail time not solving the problems of the offenders, etc.
 - c. Police officers can divert offenders to community-based treatment and other support services if they fit the criteria. If the offender agrees to go into the optional program, the criminal charge from the arrest will not be filed.
 - d. A participant is assigned to a caseworker, and an individually tailored service plan is developed. Services may include substance abuse treatment, housing, mental health services, and job training and placement. The relationship can go on for many years.
 - e. The Policy Coordinating Group is comprised of reps from many stakeholders in public safety, such as KC Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Seattle Office of the Mayor; Seattle Police Dept; ACLU of WA; Seattle City Attorney's Office; KC Sheriff's Office and more. This collaboration is key to LEAD's success.
 - f. LEAD contracts with private non-profit Evergreen Treatment Services for the caseworkers. So far, 200 clients have participated in the three years it's been run. The agencies involved are very positive about the program, and many jurisdictions across U.S. have shown interest and made inquiries about starting one of their own.
 - g. UW, unaffiliated with the project, will study and evaluate the program to see whether it is benefitting the clients and society. It will compare clients to another set of offenders who were offered but refused to enter the program.
2. Special guest: Seattle City Councilmember Ron Rasmussen sat in on our meeting at the

invitation of Captain Emerick. He was here to listen, but we let him say a few words. :) He is chair of the Transportation Committee, and as such, he encouraged us to contact him with street safety issues. He will work with SPD and SDOT to address the issues.

3. Precinct Update: Lt. Lesley Corder
 - a. Crime statistics year to date: residential burglaries down 12%; rapes up 25% (from 12 to 15); robberies down 15%; car thefts up 51% (209/month) - they are working on stemming the car thefts.
 - b. SPD statistics are based on police reports filed. So to get accurate statistics (which SPD uses to assign officers across precincts and patrols with precincts) it's important that we report crimes. If you see something, say something - call 911.
 - c. Case: neighbors called 911 when they saw a burglar climbing an apt to reach the 3rd floor. SPD got him. Please remember to lock even upper level doors and windows.
 - d. Longer days are causing the usual pick-up of criminal activity.
 - e. Social media (NextDoor, blogs, etc.) is getting the word out about crimes. This may create a perception that crime is increasing, but SPD statistics don't bear that out. An SPD Living Room Conversation meeting could be a good way to get citizens talking to SPD about crime trends.

4. Crime Prevention Report: Elizabeth Scott - no report

5. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
 - a. Gearing up for summer neighborhood fairs.
 - b. Still reviewing the marijuana retail licenses.
 - c. Still working on prostitution on Aurora Ave.

6. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Deputy Prosecutor Luke Larson
 - a. Luke reminds us that it is extremely helpful, if when you witness a crime, to stay until police arrive, then tell them everything you know about it. A good SPD report can help the investigation and a subsequent prosecution.
 - b. Wrapped up case of the huge theft of copper wire from the light rail tracks - with a conviction. The 2 guys stole \$200,000 worth of wire, and the cost to fix and replace is \$1.3 million. Please keep your eye on construction materials, and call 911 if you see suspicious activity around it.

7. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. Arrested two violent guys in separate investigations on Aurora (one at Washelli Cemetery and one at Hillside Motel). Original arrests were on DOC warrants, but added charges for illegal narcotics.

8. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. Reminds us that our job is to be good witnesses and call 911, but DON'T chase a criminal down the street. Leave that to SPD.
 - b. Handed out a flyer - Text Talk Ticket, hang up & drive. \$124 ticket for violators. No talking on handheld cell phones while driving. No texting while driving.

Teens with intermediate driver licenses or learner permits may not use a wireless device at all while driving, including hands-free devices, unless they're reporting an emergency. Dianne suggests parents get the phone app that turns kids' phones off when they're driving.

- c. Passed out a flyer created by the North Precinct to be handed out to prostitutes called Resources for Victims of Sex Trafficking. Attached - please feel free to print and use it.
- d. Our sock collection goal for the end of the year is 6000 pairs. Gulp.

9. Liquor Control Board: Woodrow Perkins

- a. Dean Lambert's one month tenure replacing Judy Lewis ended when he was promoted to Sergeant in the Marijuana Unit.
- b. Two recent initiatives, I-1183 (privatization of alcohol) and I-502 (legalization of marijuana) have major impacts on staffing. Until LCB can get staffed up, priorities are:
 - i. Investigation of complaints - <http://liq.wa.gov/enforcement/report-violation>, or call (360) 664-9878. Complaints should be specific, and include as much detail as possible, including date, time, who, etc.
 - ii. Youth access to alcohol, tobacco and marijuana.
 - iii. And of course, public safety is always a priority.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel - no report
- b. Membership: Inga Manskopf - please give Inga any roster changes.
 - i. NPAC's blog is <http://www.seattlenpac.blogspot.com>. It has meeting notices, links to our by-laws, and on the right side, a list of organizations represented at NPAC. If you would like your organization's blog or website linked, please let Inga know.
 - ii. We are not publishing a roster of representatives and personal information, but if you'd like a list of member associations, ask Inga.

11. Member Organization Profile - Linda Weedman, Central Ballard Resident Association

- a. Territory is roughly Hiram Chittenden Locks to 15th Ave NW, and NW 65th to Salmon Bay.
- b. Focus is on residential - over 10,000 residential units have been developed in Ballard core, over 200% of the 2020 growth goal.
- c. Pleased with NP's Community Police Team (CPT) response to community requests, but there have been 3 CP officers in the last 2 years; would like more stability. Also appreciate the bike patrols.
- d. An issue is public safety at Ballard Commons, 57th & 20th-22nd. Police calls have more than doubled in the last 20 months. Working with SPD on this.
- e. Another issue is infrastructure - with all this residential growth, is infrastructure adequate? Have been in dialog with City Council for four years.

12. Old Business

- a. The Council ratified the Executive Board's proposed changes to the by-laws, which puts the Membership Chairperson and Issues Chairperson on the Executive Board. And it adds that up to four At-Large Board members may be nominated by the Board and ratified by the Council.
- b. The Council voted the (unopposed) current Officers another 1 year term of office:
 - i. President - Ruedi Risler
 - ii. Vice-President - Pete Hanning
 - iii. Secretary - Nancy Rauhauser
- c. The Board asked that the vacant Treasurer position be filled and nominated Katy Dwyer. No other nominations were offered, and the Council voted Katy in.
- d. The Board asked the Council to ratify the Committee Chair positions, and they did:
 - i. Membership - Inga Manskopf
 - ii. Issues - Curtis Gehrke
- e. The Board nominated three people for the new At-Large Board positions and the Council ratified them:
 - i. Doug Thiel
 - ii. Pete Rogerson
 - iii. Steve Dougherty

13. New Business

- a. For the Captain's project to tackle some specific public safety problems in the neighborhoods, we passed around a sheet for Council members to sign up for any of the four issues. More members are welcome. Each issue has an Executive Board lead:
 - i. Traffic/Pedestrian Safety - Pete Hanning
 - ii. Street Lighting - Katy Dwyer
 - iii. Human Services - Ruedi Risler
 - iv. Drugs & Anti-Crime - Inga Manskopf
- b. There is no meeting in August. Enjoy Seattle Night Out August 5th.
- c. SPD is ramping up for 4th of July. There will be new street restrictions on Wallingford hill to allow only emergency vehicles access.
- d. Precinct building update:
 - i. The NP Building Design Team's May 15 pre-design presentation to the Seattle Design Committee went well. See the PowerPoint at: <http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/NorthPrecinctStation/North-Precinct-Station-Seattle-Design-Commission-Presentation.pdf>
 - ii. Starting actual design of the building soon.
 - iii. Artist Nikolaus Hafermaas has been selected for the 1% for Art public art requirement. See: <http://artbeat.seattle.gov/?p=7101>

14. Next Month's agenda

- a. July 2 - guest speaker is Ron Smith, President of the Seattle Police Officers Guild.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.